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66-03-01-01. Continuing education. Every psychologist licensed to practice in this state as of January 1, 1992, under North Dakota Century Code chapter 43-32 shall, on or before November 1, 1994, and every two years thereafter, complete continuing education credits relevant to the practice of psychology. Continuing education credits earned after the first day of November of a reporting cycle may be applied to the next two-year reporting cycle. The reporting cycle for individuals licensed after January 1, 1992, begins on November first of the year in which they obtained their North Dakota license.

History: Effective February 1, 1995.

General Authority: NDCC 43-32-08

Law Implemented: NDCC 43-32-08

66-03-01-02. Continuing education reports. Application for continuing education credits must be made on the form provided by the board and must include evidence of completion of at least forty credits of continuing education completed over the two-year period. At least twenty of the forty credits of continuing education must be completed within category A, formal programs described in subsection 1 of section 66-03-01-04. The application must be submitted to the board no later than December fifteenth following the completion of the two-year reporting cycle.

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66-03-01-03. Board approval. Any continuing education program relevant to psychology and to be applied as continuing education credits must receive prior board approval, except continuing education programs sponsored or approved by the American psychological association, the Canadian psychological association,

the North Dakota psychological association, other state or provincial psychological associations, or any other scientific or professional organization whose continuing education program is clearly relevant to the practice of psychology. Other programs may be approved at any time by the board by submission of an application by the sponsoring organization and payment of a twenty-five dollar fee.

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General Authority: NDCC 43-32-08

Law Implemented: NDCC 43-32-08, 43-32-08.1

66-03-01-04. Categories of continuing education programs and credits.

The board recognizes the following categories of continuing education programs or activities and established credit hours:

1. Category A formal activities, a minimum of twenty credits per reporting cycle.
 - a. Formal continuing education programs that may consist of courses, workshops, or institutes. The number of continuing education credits assigned by an association recognized by the board will be accepted. Otherwise the credits will be one credit per clock-hour.
 - b. Attendance at conventions including national, international, regional, state or provincial, and substate associations of psychologists. If a convention other than a psychological convention is attended for credit, prior approval must be obtained from the board. One credit is allowed per each two clock-hours of meeting. A maximum of ten credits is allowed per reporting cycle.
2. Category B other activities.
 - a. Regularly scheduled postgraduate courses offered by an accredited college or university which are relevant to the professional growth and development of the applicant. One quarter hour of academic credit constitutes ten continuing education credits. One semester hour of academic credit constitutes fifteen continuing education credits.
 - b. Writing or speaking, including a paper or other presentation at a formal professional meeting, a paper published in a professional journal, or a book or an original chapter in an edited book in the area of psychology or a related field. Credit will be granted for the year of publication or presentation in the case of a paper. Continuing education credits will be granted at the rate of five for each paper or presentation, ten for each chapter in a book, fifteen for editing a book, and twenty for the publication of a book.
 - c. Other areas of professional development not covered in the foregoing categories, but deemed by the board to be worthy of

continuing education credit. Such a determination must be made on an individual basis, including the number of credits granted.

- d. Correspondence courses, tapes, or independent readings approved by the board or by one of the associations recognized by the board which include an examination component successfully completed by the licensee.

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Law Implemented: NDCC 43-32-08

66-03-01-05. Verification of continuing education credits and programs.

1. At the end of the two-year reporting cycle, each licensee shall submit a signed statement on a form provided by the board attesting to satisfaction of the continuing education requirement.
2. The licensee may not submit the specific verification of each continuing education experience claimed, but must maintain a file of such verification for two years following the submission of the reporting form.
3. At each reporting period, the board will select a random sample of approximately ten percent of the licensees and require them to provide verification of the continuing education experiences claimed on the reporting form.

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Law Implemented: NDCC 43-32-08

66-03-01-06. Failure to comply with the continuing education requirement. If, after the opportunity for a formal hearing, a psychologist does not satisfy the number of credits required for a two-year cycle, the board may exercise the following options:

1. Extension of time to complete the requirement. A psychologist may request an extension of time because of illness or serious extenuating circumstances amounting to good cause. The approval of an extension and the amount of time granted to complete the requirements are at the sole discretion of the board. In such cases the psychologist will be required to continue to fulfill the continuing education requirement for the next two-year cycle as well.
2. Refuse to renew a license. A license that is not renewed because of failure to meet the continuing education requirements will be renewed if, within one year from the date of nonrenewal, the licenseholder demonstrates to the secretary of the board the continuing education

requirements have been satisfied and pays the renewal fee and a late fee of twenty dollars.

3. Place the license on probationary status.
4. Suspension of a license until such time as the psychologist meets the requirements of the previous two-year cycle, but not to exceed a second two-year cycle.
5. Revocation of a license. In the event of license suspension for noncompletion of continuing education requirements, if the psychologist does not complete the requirements during the period of suspension, the license may be revoked.
6. Reinstatement. A psychologist whose license has been revoked for failing to satisfy the continuing education requirements must earn forty credits in continuing education, including at least twenty in category A, during the immediately preceding two-year period in order to apply to the board for reinstatement.

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